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FM AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2611

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: EAIR, KS, US, CASC

SUBJECT: MISSING SOUTH KOREAN AIRLINER

REF: (A) STATE 101668, (B) SEOUL 3341 (NOTAL), (C) MOSCOW 08474 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY PASSED TEXT OF REFTEL (A) TO MFA AND AT MFA'S REQUEST FOLLOWED UP WITH AIDE MEMOIRE WITH TEXT. AS OF 1100 ZULU MFA HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOUTH KOREAN AIRLINER OTHER THAN PUBLIC NEWS BROADCASTS.
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2. EMBASSY IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY HELSINKI. SOUTH KOREAN COUNSELOR WILL MAKE REPRESENTATION AT MFA AT 1200 ZULU TO REQUEST GOF ASSISTANCE CONCERNING THE MISSING AIRCRAFT. PER REFTEL B SOUTH KOREAN COUNSELOR CONFIRMED THAT SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY IS REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR SPECIAL KAL AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN HELSINKI, TO BE OF POSSIBLE

ASSISTANCE TO DOWNED PASSENGERS, BECAUSE QUOTE HELSINKI IS GEOGRAPHICALLY CLOSE TO RUSSIA UNQUOTE AND AREA WHERE PLANE MAY BE.

- 3. WE PASSED TO VERY APPRECIATIVE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR SUBSTANCE OF MOSCOW REFTEL C TO EFFECT THAT WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE AIRPLANE IS IN USSR.
- 4. THE FINNISH NEWS AGENCY IS REPORTING COMMENTS BY WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMAN POWELL AND OTHER US NEWS SOURCES THAT, ACCORDING TO RADAR TRACKING AND ESTIMATED POSITIONS, THE PLANE WAS PROBABLY FORCED DOWN IN THE USSR AFTER VIOLATING SOVIET AIR SPACE AND MAY BE IN A REMOTE AREA NEAR THE NORTHERN FINNISH-USSR BORDER. RIDGWAY

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